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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, ACFLP Subcommittee on Exploitation

SUBJECT : Priority Needs of CIA Requiring Additional FDD Manpower

1. The listing of Verified Requirements of the IAC Agencies which cannot be met by Existing Facilities, circulated as Appendix A to the June 1956 draft of a report to the ACFLP from the Subcommittee on Exploitation, incorporates the stated needs of CIA production offices. In addition, CIA offices have some interest in many of the items suggested by other agencies. However, many of the priority items identified as requested by CIA do not reflect a significant increased requirement sufficient to justify additional manpower solely on the basis of this Agency's needs. Repeated checking with consumers and repeated statements by the undersigned in Subcommittee meetings have indicated that this Agency's needs for exploitation not being met on a continuing basis could be satisfied by modest increases along the lines of work which already meets minimum requirements.

2. The memorandum of June 1956 on "Revised FDD Program of Reporting" varies considerably from the continuing reporting with which our economic analysts are familiar. By including only selected subjects, it implies that others are being completely neglected. FDD's coverage has been far wider than indicated and, with few exceptions, has been well balanced to meet the needs of this Agency. Thus increased manpower should be justified chiefly on greater depth of exploitation or the exploiting of additional or more informative publications, rather than on new subjects.

3. Special mention should be made of economic coverage in the European Satellites. This is a subject on which CIA has recently increased its research activity, and one on which several discussions have been held within the Subcommittee. While we feel that certain aspects of economics might replace items already in the current program, we would rather have these included in the recommendations for increased manpower than to delay the entire paper through further extended discussions. Our recommendation for inclusion under each Eastern European Satellite is attached (Tab B).

4. It is understood that manpower requirements will not be transmitted by the Subcommittee with its report to the ACFLP. I do feel that it is desirable, however, that the Subcommittee have at least a general idea of the scope of the increase requested, and further that the categories on which increases are based should be ones that could be clearly justified, both to the

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ACFLP and to budget people. On the attached copy of Appendix A to the June draft of the Subcommittee Report, I have indicated revisions which would reflect more accurately this Agency's needs for additional exploitation (Tab A).

5. We have been guided by the following criteria in our recommendations for inclusion under the priority categories for additional exploitation.

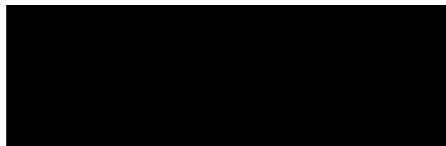
a. First Priority items would in many cases be sought in less orderly fashion by the research components most concerned, pending approval of additional manpower in FDD;

b. Items in the Second Priority which could not be provided by FDD would be sought elsewhere to the extent that they were immediately applicable to current priority research;

c. Items in the Third Priority are intended to extend the background of research analysts and to permit greater depth of source coverage contributing to research. In most cases, researchers would "make do" without them unless FDD were in a position to provide them.

6. A considerable amount of language competence exists in the CIA components engaged in research on the USSR. They subscribe to periodicals covering their fields and select materials which should be translated or exploited. In the case of monographic literature, some research units feel that this does not lend itself to exploitation except under guidance, and prefer that this work be done on request only. Although language competence in the Eastern Europe and Far Eastern tongues is not as widespread as in the case of the USSR, the above comments on monographic literature apply to the programs in those areas.

7. I am increasingly convinced that the most effective exploitation of foreign language publications depends on close coordination between FDD and its customers. This is an essential supplement to whatever formal program may be established. We will be glad to encourage such close liaison and to participate in a special assessment of those portions of the program which are significant modifications, such as the increased emphasis on the Eastern European Satellites and the application of exploitation techniques to monographs.



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Attachments:

Tab A
Tab B

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